Fraud-Case Figure Tells Of JFK Plot

BISMARCK, N.D., March 27 (UPI)—An attorney on trial in a $3 million insurance fraud case told a judge he was forced off a highway at gunpoint today as he drove here with documents that "prove" that President Kennedy was assassinated by killers other than Lee Harvey Oswald.

The judge promptly declared a mistrial and ordered a mental examination for the attorney.

The bizarre story was told by attorney David R. Kroman, 43, who was found partially conscious—a loaded shotgun across his knees—at 4 a.m. in a rented car on the shoulder of a highway about 30 miles east of Bismarck.

U.S. District Court Judge Edward Devitt ordered a mistrial in the charges against Kroman. The judge said "there is reasonable cause to believe that Kroman may be insane or otherwise so mentally incompetent that he is unable to assist in his own defense."

Devitt revoked Kroman's $5000 recognizance bond and ordered him committed for 45 days to the Federal penal hospital at Springfield, Mo., for mental examination.

Kroman, once an insurance commission attorney and independent candidate for attorney general in Minnesota, was found in a locked car.

He was taken to Bismarck Hospital, where Dr. Gerd Fischer, a neurologist, made a preliminary examination and reported that he was suffering from paralysis of the left arm and leg. The paralysis cleared in six hours, the doctor told the court. Kroman left the hospital without the permission of the physician.

In court he told Devitt that he was forced off the highway at pistol point by pursuers as he drove here with documents which "tend to prove or in some cases do prove" that persons other than Oswald killed Kennedy in Dallas in 1963.

Before he went into court, Kroman told newsmen in a hospital room that he had been in touch with James Garrison, New Orleans district attorney who says he has "solved" the Kennedy assassination.

Kroman's defense attorney said Kroman had suffered from an apparent epileptic seizure.

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WANTED—Mrs. Harold McMaines, shown with her husband in their Omaha, Neb., apartment has been ordered arrested by New Orleans District Atty. Jim Garrison, in connection with his investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Woman Who Disputed Russo Ordered Arrested

NEW ORLEANS, March 27 (AP)—District Attorney Jim Garrison's office issued a warrant today for the arrest of Lilly Mae McMaines of Omaha, Neb., connected to the Kennedy assassination probe by star witness Perry R. Russo.

Russo, 25-year-old Baton Rouge insurance salesman, said Mrs. McMaines—the former Sandra Moffett of New Orleans—was one of several persons attending a party in David W. Ferrie's apartment after which he said he heard Ferrie, Lee Harvey Oswald and Clay L. Shaw conspire to kill President Kennedy.

Mrs. McMaines, married to part-time minister Harold McMaines, 48, told newsmen last Friday she did not attend the party. The 22-year-old woman acknowledged knowing Russo and said she had once been in love with him.